How to take a single soil sample

1. Go to the place you want to take the soil sample.
2. Carefully remove any surface vegetation to expose bare soil.
3. Dig a hole, the depth and width of the spade.
4. Use the spade to cut a thin slice of soil from one side of the hole.
5. Place approximately 1 kg of the soil in a sample bag.
6. Do not mix soils from different places, even in the same field, unless a composite soil sample is required.
7. Use strong plastic or canvas bags that will not tear easily and mark each bag carefully.
8. Submit your samples to the ARC laboratory.

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